12 *May* 1834.

(Ireland.)

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To repeal certain Provisions of Two Acts of His Majesty King George the Third, affecting the Printers, Publishers, and Proprietors of Newspapers in Ireland.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics*, are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.]

Preamble: 38 G. 3. c. 7. s. 5.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to secure the Liberty of the Press, by preventing the Abuses arising from the Publication of traitorous, seditious, false and slanderous Libels by Persons unknown,'" it is amongst other things enacted, That if any Printer, Publisher or Proprietor, or Printers, Publishers or Proprietors, of any Newspaper, Intelligencer or Occurrences, or any Paper serving the purposes of a Newspaper, Intelligencer or Occurrences, shall have become and be found a Lunatic or Non compos mentis, or shall become and be found Bankrupt, or shall be outlawed for any crime, or shall be found guilty and receive judgment for printing or publishing any traitorous, scandalous, false or seditious Libel, or shall be charged by indictment or information with having published a traitorous, scandalous, false or seditious Libel, and shall not within six days after a copy of such indictment or information shall be served upon such Printer, Publisher or Proprietor, or at the house or place of printing or publishing the Paper in which the Newspaper containing such Libel shall be printed, surrender himself, herself or themselves, to take his, her or their Trial at the then next Commission of Oyer and Terminer, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or Assizes for the city or county where he, she or they shall be indicted as aforesaid, or where such information as aforesaid is to be tried, every Printer and Publisher so neglecting shall from thenceforth be disabled to be the Printer, Publisher or Proprietor of any Newspaper, Intelligencer or Occurrences, and the Commissioners of Stamp Duties are thereby required to refuse to deliver to such Person or Persons Stamped Paper for the

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the purpose of printing a Newspaper: And by an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of his said Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Collection and Management of Stamp Duties on Pamphlets, Almanacks and Newspapers in Ireland;" it is also, amongst other things, enacted, That if any Printer, Publisher or Proprietor of any Newspaper which shall be at any time published in Ireland, shall have become a Bankrupt or Non compos mentis, or shall be outlawed for any crime, or shall receive Judgment for printing or publishing any traitorous or seditious Libel, then and in every such case such Printer or Printers, Publisher or Publishers, Proprietor or Proprietors respectively, shall no longer be entitled to print or publish such Newspaper, but shall, as to any such right, be considered from thenceforth as if he, she or they never had made such Affidavit as in the said last recited Act is mentioned:

55 G. 3. c. 80. s. 21.

And whereas it is expedient to repeal the said recited Enactments; **BE it therefore Enacted**, by The KING's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT from and after the *passing of this Act*, so much of the said respective Acts as is hereinbefore recited shall be and the same is hereby Repealed.

1. Certain Provisions of Irish Acts, 38 G. 3. c. 7, and 55 G. 3. c. 80, repealed.

4 Will. IV.—Sess. 1834.

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